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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER SOLH

1. DURING MEETING WITH NEW PRIME MINISTER SOLH AUGUST 6, WHEN DISCUSSION TURNED TO WEEKEND ARAB TERRORISM AT ATHENS AIRPORT, I URGED THAT PM DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO PREVENT LEBANON BEING USED AS A BASE FOR TERRORIST OPERATIONS, POINTING OUT IT WAS IN LEBANON'S OWN INTEREST

TO DO SO.

2. PM DID NOT ARGUE POINT EXCEPT TO SAY THAT ISRAELIS

INPAST HAVE FREQUENTLY EXAGGERATED ROLE PLAYED BY LEBANON IN TERRORIST ACTIVITY, COMMENTING THAT SUCH ACTIVITY IS WIDELY BASED. THIS CONNECTION, HE NOTED NO IMPLICATIONS HAD EMERGED FROM ATHENS ATTACK WHICH WOULD INVOLVE LEBANON.

3. HE ALSO NOTED THAT ALL MAJOR PALESTINIAN ORGANIZATIONS HAD DISCLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTACK.

4. I REMARKED THAT WE HAD ALSO NOTED THIS, BUT POINTED OUT PALESTINIANS SEEM TO BE OPERATING ON TWO DIFFERENT LEVELS THESE DAYS WITH REGARD TO TERRORIST ACTIVITIES. FIRST IS A PUBLIC LEVEL, WHERE THEIR DISAVOWAL IS PERHAPS
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DESIGNED TO ASSURE CONTINUING FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM

MORE MODERATE ARAB STATES WHILE AT SAME TIME SENIOR COMMANDO
ORGANIZATION LEADERS, EVEN IN FATEH, ARE IN FACT DEEPLY
IMPLICATED IN PLANNING AND EXECUTING TERRORIST ACTIONS.
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